



California Regional Water Quality Control Board

Los Angeles Region



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ANNUAL ESTIMATION LETTER FOR SPILLS, LEAKS, INVESTIGATIONS, AND CLEANUPS (SLIC) COST RECOVERY PROGRAM — MOBIL - JALK FEE OIL PRODUCTION FACILITY - 10607 NORWALK BOULEVARD, SANTA FE SPRINGS (SLIC NO. 0203, SITE ID NO. 1848000)

Dear Mr. Hand:

Section 13304 of the California Water Code (Porter Cologne) allows the Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board) to recover reasonable expenses from a responsible party for overseeing the investigation and cleanup of unregulated discharges adversely affecting the State's waters. It is our intent to continue to recover costs for regulatory oversight work conducted at this site in accordance with our original cost recovery letter. In compliance with Section 13365 of the California Water Code, this letter is being sent to provide you with the following information regarding costs for regulatory oversight work:

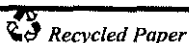
1. A detailed estimate of the work to be performed or services to be provided;
2. A statement of the expected outcome of that work;
3. The billing rates for all individuals and classes of employees expected to engage in the work; and
4. An estimate of all expected charges to be billed to you by this agency.

Estimate of Work to be Performed

Regional Board staff estimate that the following work may be performed during fiscal year 2005/2006 (July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006):

- Review project technical reports (such as workplan, investigation report, remedial action plan, monitoring report, and closure report...etc.) that may be necessary;
- Provide written correspondences and telephone communications with the responsible party, its representatives and interested third parties;
- Conduct internal communications (i.e. meeting, memos, etc.) regarding the project;
- Meet with the responsible party, its representatives, consultants, and interested parties; and
- Conduct site inspection and/or collect split samples as appropriate.

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Statement of Expected Outcome

The following is the expected outcome of work that may be performed during fiscal year 2005/2006:

- Provide written comments on technical reports to be submitted as appropriate;
- Verify adequacy of technical reports; and
- Prepare and issue directive orders to the site, as determined to be necessary by the Regional Board.

Billing Rates

Enclosed is the billing rate for employees expected to perform the work. The names and classifications of employees that charge time to this site will be listed on the invoices. The average billing rate is approximately \$90.00 per hour as shown in Attachment 1.

Estimation of Expected Charges

Regional Board staff expects to charge about 50 hours of work related to this site during fiscal year 2005/2006. Based on the average billing rate of \$90 per hour, the estimated billing charge for this site during fiscal year 2005/2006 is \$4,500. **Please note that this is neither a commitment nor a contract for regulatory oversight. It is only an estimate of the work, which may be performed. Furthermore, we anticipate that there may be possible delays in Regional Board staff's review of reports submitted.**

New Requirements

I. Public Participation

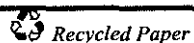
With increased public interest in our site cleanup programs and the public knowledge of threat to human health and the environment, the Regional Board is increasing our effort in getting the public more involved in our decision making process. The Regional Boards are also required to involve the public in site cleanup decisions under State law (including Health & Safety Code section 25356.1). You may be required to prepare and implement a public participation plan. Regional Board staff will provide you with additional guidance as appropriate.

II. Electronic Submittals

On April 27, 2005, the State Water Resources Control Board informed each responsible party of new regulations requiring the electronic submittal of information (ESI), which went into effect on January 1, 2005. The letter also stated that beginning on July 1, 2005, a paper copy of reports will no longer be required upon submittal of the electronic copy unless the Regional Board specifically requires the paper copy to be submitted.

The Los Angeles Regional Board does not have the resources to acquire hardware to allow caseworkers to appropriately review documents in electronic form. Therefore, for the foreseeable future, we require that you continue to submit hard copies of all documents and data submittals.

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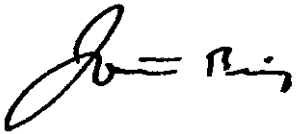
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III. Change of Ownership

You must notify the Executive Officer, in writing at least 30 days in advance of any proposed transfer of this cost reimbursement account's responsibility to a new owner containing a specific date for the transfer. In addition, you shall notify the succeeding owner of the existence of this cost reimbursement account by letter, copy of which shall be forwarded to the Board.

If you have any questions, please contact the project manager, Thizar Tintut-Williams at (213) 576-6723 or the SLIC Program Manager, Dr. Rebecca Chou at (213) 576-6733.

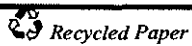
Sincerely,



Jonathan S. Bishop
Executive Officer

Attachments: 1. Spills, Leaks, Investigations, and Cleanups (SLIC) Program - Billing Cost Explanation
 2. New Regulation – Electronic Submittal of Information

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